AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A plug for the meatus of a lacrimal canaliculus, the plug comprising an elongate body (2, 12, 13) having a longitudinal axis (2a) and provided at one of its ends with a collar (1, 11) substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis, ~~the plug being characterized in that~~ wherein the elongate body (2, 12, 13) possesses, adjacent to the collar (1, 11), a first portion (2, 12) of cross-section that is elliptical with a major axis, and a second portion (3, 4, 13) that extends the first portion (2) obliquely relative to its longitudinal axis (2a) in the plane of the above-mentioned major axis of the section of the first portion.

2. (currently amended) A plug according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second portion of the elongate body comprises two diverging branches (3, 4), each of cross-section substantially equal to half the cross-section of the first portion (2).

3. (currently amended) A plug according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second portion (13) of the elongate body is similar in section to the first portion (2) and is connected to the first portion by a pseudo-hinge (14) formed by a transition zone of cross-section that is narrow in the direction of the major axes of the above-mentioned ellipses.

4. (currently amended) A plug according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the transition zone between the first and second portions of the elongate body is elastically deformable.

5. (currently amended) A plug according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the collar (1, 11) is elliptical in outline with its major axis parallel to the major axis of the first portion (2, 12) of the elongate body.

6. (currently amended) A plug according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the collar (1, 11) is offset relative to the longitudinal axis (2a) of the elongate body (2).